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NOTICE.

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager, Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

Intimations.

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Hongkong, November 6, 1889. 2123

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By Order of the Board,

J. WHEELER, Secretary, Hongkong, October 10, 1889. 1849

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ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested

S to send to this Office a List of their

Contributions of Premium for the year

ending 31st December last, in Order that the

PROPORTION OF PROFIT for that year

to be Paid as BONUS to Contributors

may be arranged. Returns not sent in

before the 30th Instant, will be made up

by the Company, and no subsequent Claims

or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,

GEO. L. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, November 1, 1889. 2084

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

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Underwriters with a List of their Con-

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last, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION

of the PROFITS accorded for Contributors

may be arranged. Returns not rendered

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D. GILLIES, Secretary, Hongkong, August 26, 1889. 1858

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Hongkong, January 15, 1889. 99

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August 14, 1889. 1883

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RESIDENTS in the Colony would

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The *Kezic's Hand* with the English Mail of Oct. 11, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 11th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Aug. 29th.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Edgar*, with the *American Mail* of October 17th, left Yokohama on Thursday, the 7th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 13th inst.

The Canadian Pacific S. Co.'s a. s. *Port Augusta* left Vancouver for Yokohama, &c., on 2nd inst.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patricia*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 29th Oct., and may be expected here on or about the 6th Nov.

The s. a. *Bentley* left Singapore on Oct. 31, and may be expected here on or about 6th Nov.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s *Polypnia* left Singapore on the 31st Oct., and may be expected here on or about the 7th Nov.

The Union Line's a. s. *Borneo* left Singapore on the 3rd Nov., and may be expected here on or about the 9th Nov.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s a. s. *Memnon* left Port Darwin for this port on the 31st Oct., and may be expected here on or about the 11th Nov.

The Shire Line's a. s. *Pembroke*, from London, Eng., left Singapore on the 5th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 11th Nov.

The Glen Line steamship *Glengyle*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on Nov. 5, and may be expected here on or about the 11th Nov.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ulysses*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on Nov. 6, and is due here, on or about the 11th Nov.

The P. & O. Co.'s extra steamship *Nizam* left Bombay for Singapore and this port on the 30th Oct.

A LARGO shipment of silks ex-French Mail has been received by the Hall and Holt's Co-operative Company, Limited, from a well-known London firm, comprising Moire, Brooches, Pongee, and other silks suitable for costumes, tea-gowns, children's dresses, &c. These goods were purchased on most advantageous terms at the end of the London season and will be opened out on Monday next, November 11.—*Advt.*

We hear that the *U. S. steamer Naiad*, on her way down to Saigon, got into the track of the typhoon that was raging in the southern part of the China Sea last week, and sustained some damage, her decks being swept and several of her boats carried away. She was, however, in a condition to leave Saigon without repairs, and reached Singapore safely, where she was to be docked for a day or two.

As will be seen from an advertisement, the wreck of the *Hattie E. Topley*, as she now lies on the easternmost island of the Shamus Group, and two boats and sails salvaged from her, will be put up for sale by auction at Mr Lammer's salerooms tomorrow afternoon. There will also be exposed for sale, unless previously disposed of by private contract, the entire cargo of the vessel, consisting of about 25,000 cubic feet of Billian timber, and about 74,000 pieces of Brawood, consisting of mangrove logs, &c.

We have received an unsigned letter complaining that the examination for the clerkship in the Attorney General's office is not being fairly carried out. The writer's first grievance is that the examination is not open to Chinese. The Government have, we think, a perfect right to restrict the competition for a situation, the occupant of which might have very important confidential documents entrusted to his care. We should say that this is a post that ought to be occupied by a British subject. The second grievance is that the *Gazette* did not state that Chinese were to be exempted, putting a great number who are not eligible to the trouble of applying. In this case we think there is some ground of complaint.

Some days ago a certain magistrate in Chekiang province issued a proclamation commanding all the people not to kill any live-stock for three days, on account of the badness of the weather, thereby hoping to induce the gods to give them a better crop. But the people were not inclined to obey this order as the occupations of many lay in the killing of pigs and fowls. These people went to the body of the Magistrate's yamen, marched right into his kitchen, where they saw mutton, pork and other meats hanging ready for cooking; whereupon they in turn gave the magistrate a stony lecture. The people were very furious at the conduct of this mandarin, as in the kitchen there were plenty of proofs that killing had been done for himself. The Chinese believe in practicing what is preached without respect to persons.

At present the Chinese authorities at Hankow and Hanyang are keeping a very strict watch upon all strangers who arrive. Extra guards have been placed in all important places to see that everything is in order, and no suspicious characters are lurking about, and that those who may be compelled to put up at Chinese hotels give a strict account of themselves before being allowed to enter. These precautions are on account of natives that have lately arrived from Kuklung and other places, having dreams in their possession, and who have been selling the same to the people. All kinds of rumours are flying about that some outbreak is likely to take place, and some of them are so far as to predict, even to the families have been moved to other places. In consequence of the people leaving, the Magistrate has issued a proclamation to quiet the people's fears and telling them to go on with their trade and other occupations and not to mind the absurd rumours of any coming disturbance.

An act of heroism has been performed by a lady at a North Wales railway station, when the train was entering the station at the rate of over fifty miles an hour. The man did not recognize his danger. The lady sprang off the platform dragging the man almost from under the front wheels of the engine, barely escaping with her own life.

A JAPANESE native paper says:—It was reported that although the French Government had very strongly urged the granting to them of permission to engage in the coaling trade, the authorities refused to grant it. This is not permitted in the treaty contracted between Japan and Germany, but if foreign vessels are chartered by Japanese and exports from and imports into the coast ports be made in the name of Japanese, foreigners can in reality carry on the coaling trade freely, although nominally no trade except in the open ports is permitted. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha and other steamship companies must be prepared to meet this, and at the same time, the proper control of the trade by the customs will be very difficult.

Supreme Court.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before Mr A. G. Wise, Acting Justice of the Peace.)
Thursday, Nov. 7.

HANNAH E. BENJAMIN.

This was an action on a share contract entered into on 6th July for delivery of 500 Dack shares on 30th September. The defendant, to whom the shares were sold, filed a deed of assignment on 6th September, and did not take up the shares on the due date. The defense was that the contract came under the provisions of the deed of assignment. Mr Hastings appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Wilkinson for the defense.

His Lordship said it was intimated on last occasion with reference to this case that he had always been of opinion that under similar circumstances the plaintiff was entitled to judgment. He was still of that opinion, and he therefore gave judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

Mr Wilkinson said that the plaintiff was not entitled to costs. There was no necessity whatever for bringing the action. He had informed the plaintiff that the claim was admitted and also what the defense was.

His Lordship said he held there was no defense.

Mr Wilkinson said he admitted the claim in the first instance.

His Lordship—You told me you were to ask for costs the other way.

Mr Wilkinson—Yes, but what I say is that there was no necessity for bringing the action here. It is very hard on the part of the creditors.

His Lordship—I don't think there was any necessity for your appearing at all.

Mr Hastings—Will your Lordship hear me now with regard to execution?

His Lordship—With regard to that, I don't think I can deal with it at all. You must make your application in the other Court.

Mr Hastings.—The question whether I should apply to your Lordship or to the Judge in Bankruptcy appears to be a moot point.

His Lordship—Yes, but the balance of the case is to apply for execution in the other Court, and, if you get it, you can come back here and fight out the question whether it should be set aside or not.

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THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese caused by the discontinuance of 'Notes and Queries on China and Japan,' has reached its Eighteenth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are uppermost in the minds of students of the 'Far East' and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new department has been taken, and the Review now contains papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of Literature on China, etc., and to give critiques embodying sketches of the most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to 'Editor, China Review,' care of China Mail Office.

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondents' column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or English of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, the Imperial Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is exceedingly cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers, Etel, Brotchneider, and Birth, Professor Legge, and Messrs. Balfour, Waterson, Stent, Phillips, Macleay, Groot, Jamieon, Faber, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Giles, Piton, and Taylor—all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

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NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

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The China Review is a valuable and excellent table of contents of the Celestial Empire.

The Publication always contains subjects of interest to sojourners in the Far East and the present issue will hold favourable if not advantageous comparison, with preceding numbers.—Celestial Empire.

This number contains several articles of interest and value.—North-China Herald.

The China Review for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Meteorologists will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritze, on 'The Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking,' showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1880. 'Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa,' by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of Books include a more generous and appreciative review of 'The Divine Classic of Man-Hua,' and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting.—North-China Daily News.

A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Chinese would do well to patronize.—Overseasman.

The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on 'The New Testament in Chinese' treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries.

Mr. E. H. Parker's 'Short Journeys in Szechuan' are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled 'The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire,' which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history.

A few short notices of New Books and a few Notes on Chinese subjects, one of which—'On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo and Java'—might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading to complete the number.—H. K. Daily Free.

Twine's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review.—The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular service, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is not accidentally cultivated, and who are generally represented in the first numbers of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors.

Some notices of Chinese literature and plays are marked by both accuracy and interest, and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-wo, by Mr. E. G. Bourne, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with practicality and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary seal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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